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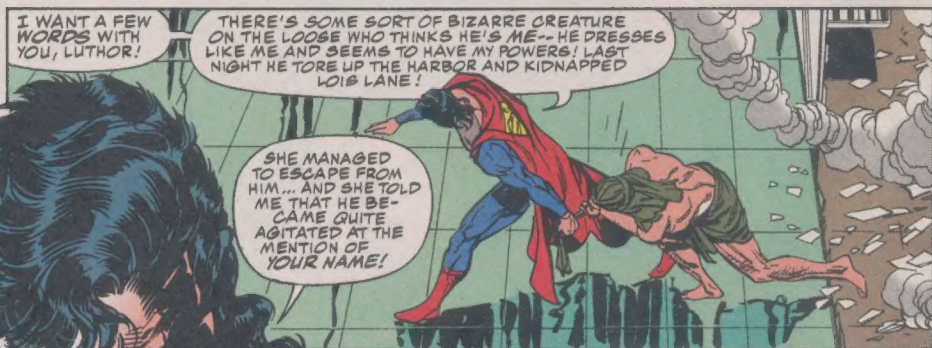
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... CAN'T A MAN HAVE A LITTLE PRIVACY?



I WANT A FEW WORDS WITH YOU, LUTHOR!

THERE'S SOME SORT OF BIZARRE CREATURE ON THE LOOSE WHO THINKS HE'S ME... HE DRESSES LIKE ME AND SEEMS TO HAVE MY POWERS! LAST NIGHT HE TORE UP THE HARBOR AND KIDNAPPED LOIS LANE!

SHE MANAGED TO ESCAPE FROM HIM... AND SHE TOLD ME THAT HE BECAME QUITE AGITATED AT THE MENTION OF YOUR NAME!



I WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO WITH THIS... THIS BIZARRE-O! I WANT TO KNOW WHERE I CAN FIND HIM! AND I WANT TO KNOW NOW!!

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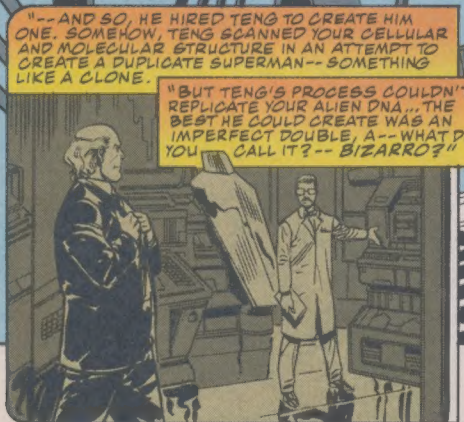
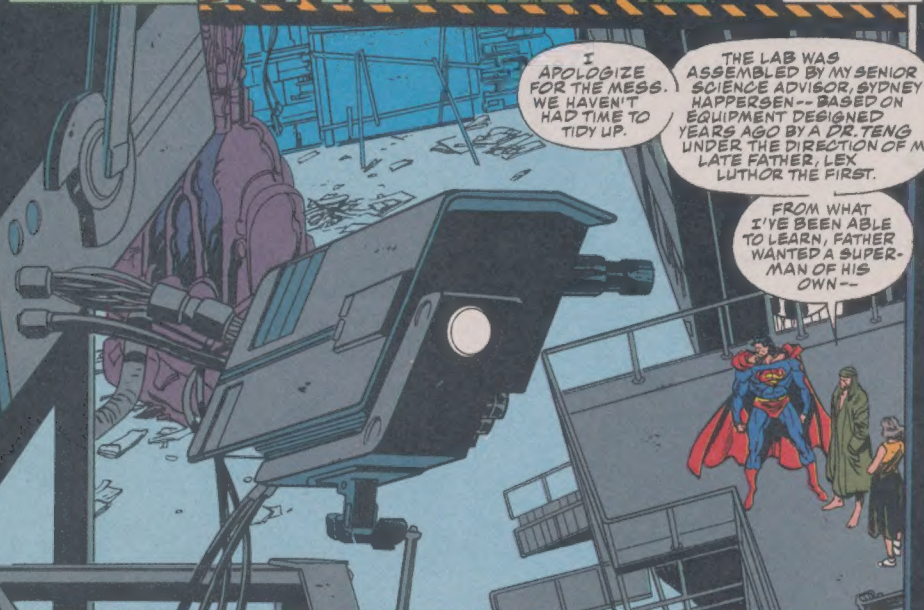


WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?! UNHAND LEX THIS MINUTE! CAN'T YOU SEE THAT HE'S NOT WELL?!



I'M AFRAID MY MUM'S RIGHT, MATE. I HAVE BEEN... A BIT UNDER THE WEATHER!

GOOD LORD...



... I'D ALWAYS WONDERED WHERE THAT THING CAME FROM. I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED THAT YOUR FATHER WAS BEHIND IT. BUT WHAT POSSESSED YOU TO MAKE ANOTHER--?

BELIEVE ME, SUPERMAN, IF I'D KNOWN THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED, I NEVER WOULD'VE LET HAPPERSEN GO THROUGH WITH THE PROCEDURE.

POOR SYDNEY... HE DID IT ALL FOR ME. HE'D BEEN INVESTIGATING EVERY POSSIBLE AVENUE OF CELLULAR REGENERATION IN HOPES OF CURING THIS AILMENT I'VE CONTRACTED.

WE'RE NOT CERTAIN WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME... BUT I BELIEVE THAT I MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO SOME UNKNOWN TOXIC SUBSTANCES IN THE REMAINS OF ENGINE CITY.*

AT ANY RATE, HAPPERSEN RECREATED TENG'S EXPERIMENTS... AND THIS NEW BIZARRO WAS THE RESULT. AS YOU CAN SEE, IT LEFT THIS PLACE A SHAMBLES--

--AND, MY GOD, WHAT IT DID TO HAPPERSEN! IT BROKE HIS ARM... BURNED HIM HORRIBLY! **

RRING!

* IN SUPERMAN #83. ** IN SUPERMAN #87.

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CALL MAINTENANCE...
TELL THEM WE
NEED MORE
PLYWOOD TO
REPATCH
THE WALL.

I'M SURPRISED AT HOW
MUCH OF THE TRUTH YOU
TOLD SUPERMAN.

TRUTH ALWAYS
MAKES THE BEST
FOUNDATION FOR
DECEPTIONS,
KELLEY.

RIGHT NOW,
I'LL DO ANY-
THING I CAN
TO HELP HIM
SUCCEED.



THE CAPTURE OF
THAT BIZARRO CREATURE
--THE STUDY OF HIS BODY
--IS MY BEST HOPE...
PERHAPS MY ONLY HOPE
...FOR CURING THIS
CONDITION.

AND AS MUCH
AS IT GALLS ME TO
DEPEND ON SUPER-
MAN, THE SIMPLE
FACT IS--



"-- HE MAY BE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN
CAPTURE THE CREATURE NOW.."

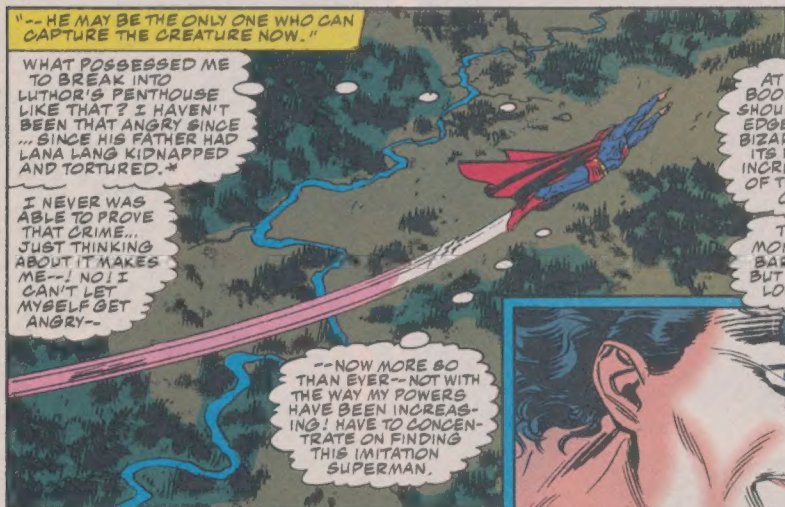
WHAT POSSESSED ME
TO BREAK INTO
LUTHOR'S PENTHOUSE
LIKE THAT? I HAVEN'T
BEEN THAT ANGRY SINCE
... SINCE HIS FATHER HAD
LANA LANG KIDNAPPED
AND TORTURED.*

I NEVER WAS
ABLE TO PROVE
THAT CRIME...
JUST THINKING
ABOUT IT MAKES
ME--! NO! I
CAN'T LET
MYSELF GET
ANGRY--

--NOW MORE SO
THAN EVER--NOT WITH
THE WAY MY POWERS
HAVE BEEN INCREAS-
ING! HAVE TO CONCENTRATE
ON FINDING
THIS IMITATION
SUPERMAN.

AT LEAST MY
BOOSTED STRENGTH
SHOULD GIVE ME AN
EDGE IN STOPPING
BIZARRO. UNLESS...
ITS POWERS HAVE
INCREASED OVER THAT
OF THE ORIGINAL
CREATURE.

THE FIRST
MONSTER COULD
BARELY GROW--
BUT FROM WHAT
LOIS TOLD ME--



*IN THE NOW-CLASSIC SUPERMAN#2.

"--THIS ONE CAN ACTUALLY SPEAK!"



THIS...
IS JOB... FOR
SUPERMAN!

TUG A-23
TO BRIDGE
CONTROL...LOOK
ALIVE IN THERE,
WILL YOU? I
NEED
CLEARANCE!

BRIDGE
CONTROL HERE...
REVERSE YOUR
ENGINES, SKIPPER.
WE'RE EXPERI-
ENCING SOME
MECHANICAL
PROBLEMS.

HARRY, LOOK!
SOMEONE IS OUT
THERE HANGING ONTO
THE DRAWBRIDGE!
FROM HERE, IT... IT
LOOKS LIKE
SUPERMAN!

GEORGE,
CAN YOU GET
A BETTER
VIEW FROM
YOUR SIDE?

I CAN SEE A
FOOL IN A CAPE... AND
WHOEVER HE IS, HE'S
STRONG ENOUGH THAT
OUR GEARS ARE
JAMMING.

SHUT 'ER DOWN--
NOW! IF WE KEEP
TRYING TO RAISE
THE BRIDGE, ALL
WE'LL DO IS
WRECK IT!

BRIDGE IS
BREAKING...
MUST FIX!

HEY,
LOOK!

IS THAT--?

NAW, CAN'T
BE! WHAT WOULD
HE BE DOIN' HERE?

Welcome to
MIDWAY CITY

AH... GOOD.
BRIDGE NOT
BREAKING
ANY MORE.

MY GOD,
THAT CAN'T BE
SUPERMAN, CAN
IT? HE LOOKS
UGLIER 'N
SIN!

BRIDGE,
I'M GOIN'
BACK TO THE
DOCKS...

...NO WAY
DO I WANT TO
GET NEAR
THAT CUSS!

SUPERMAN FIX
BRIDGE GOOD...
WELD PIECES
TOGETHER
TIGHT!

YOU ON
THE BRIDGE--
FREEZE!

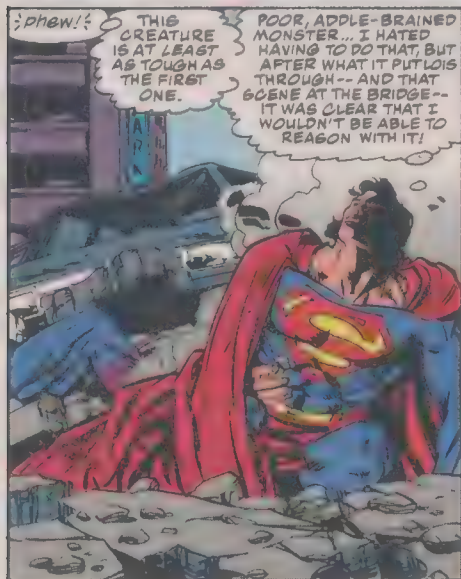
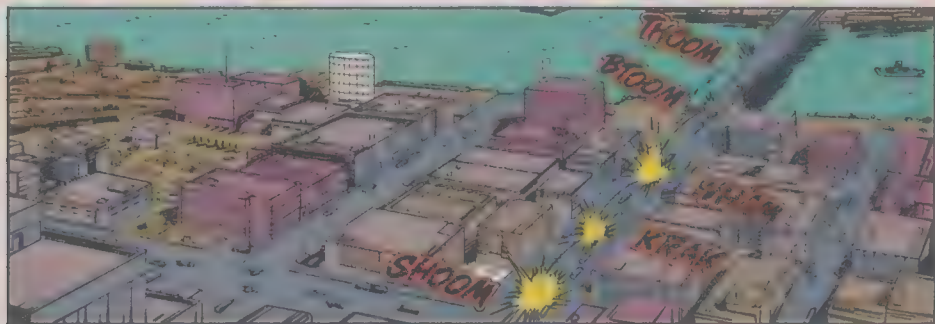
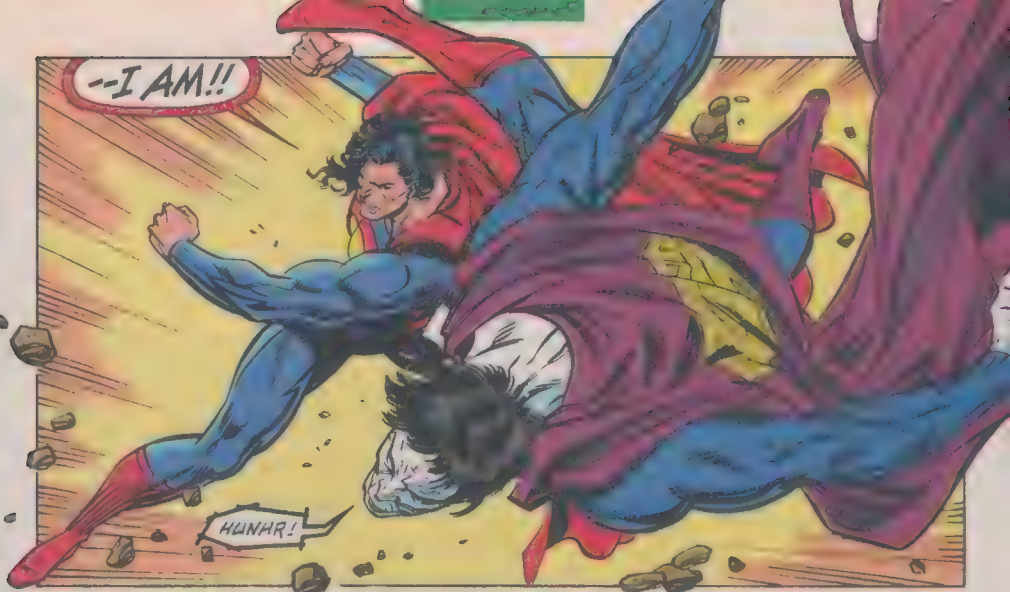
NO THANK ME.
SUPERMAN GLAD TO
FIX BRIDGE.

THAT'S
NOT SUPERMAN!
IT'S SOME KINDA
MONSTER!

IT'S
COMING
CLOSER!
DROP
'IM!

UHH? WHY
YOU SHOOT AT
ME? SUPERMAN
HELP PEOPLE!

LIKE THE
MAN SAID,
YOU'RE NOT
SUPERMAN--



THE FIGHT FOR

POSSESSION OF THE DEADLIEST
WEAPON IN THE UNIVERSE



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GUEST STARS IN

DARKSTARS

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ON SALE IN FEBRUARY

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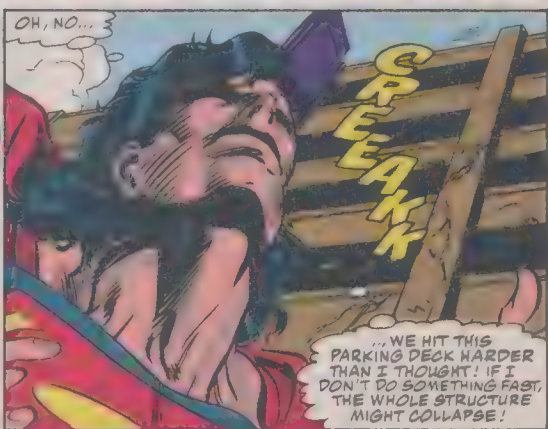
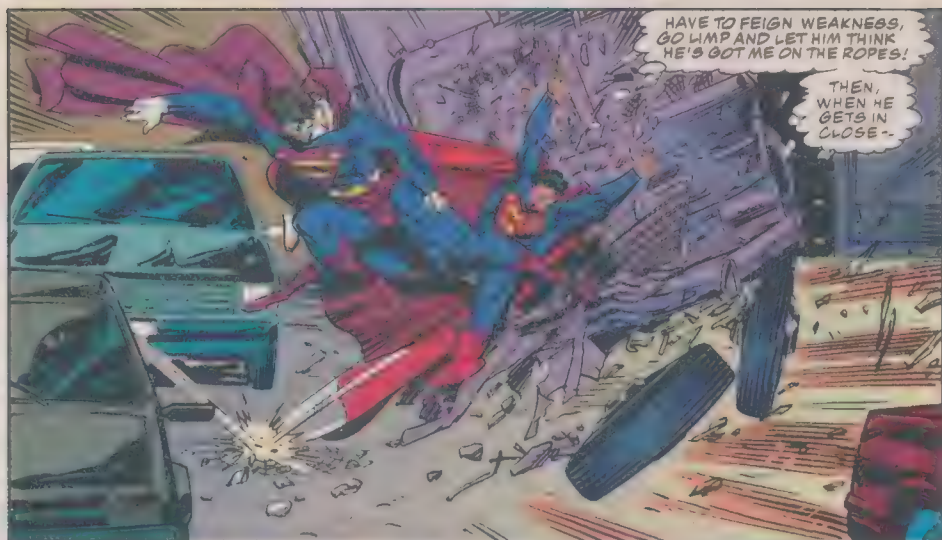


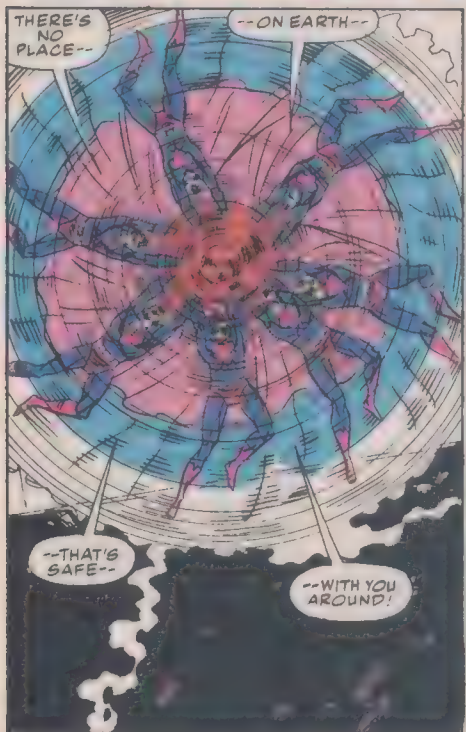
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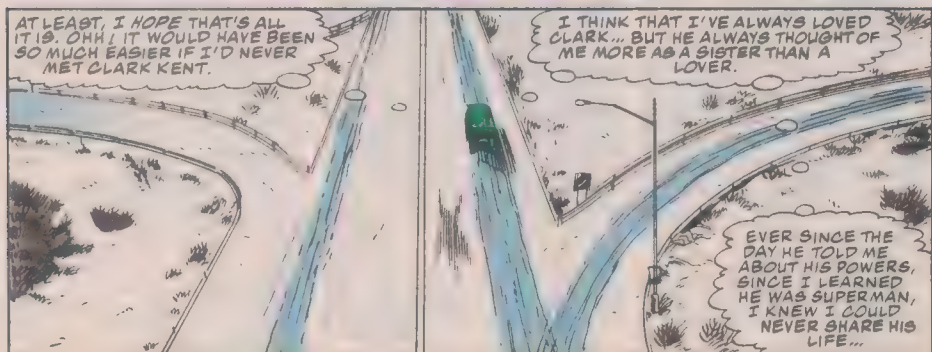
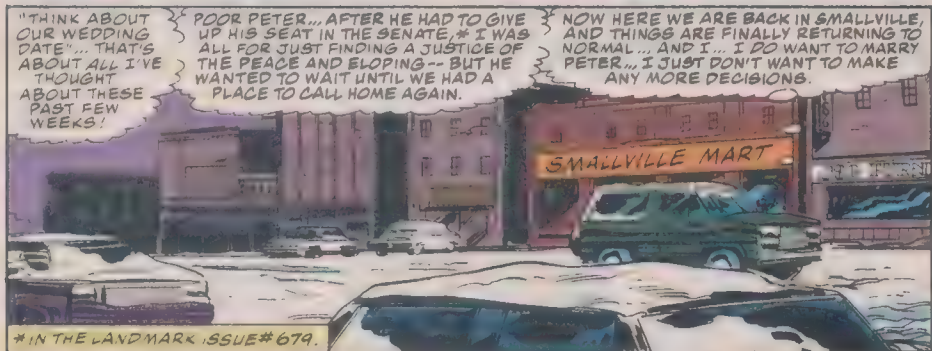
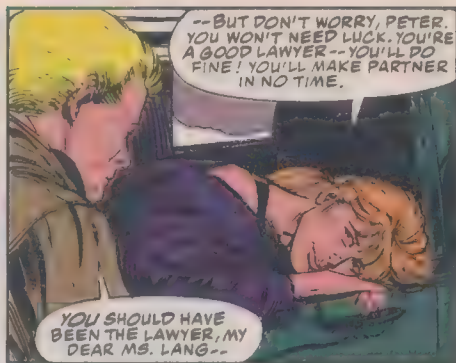
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"... I JUST CAN'T TRAVEL IN HIS CIRCLES."

UNLESS... HE WASN'T AS GROGGY AS I D THOUGHT.

I'VE HAD IT UP TO HERE LATELY WITH SUPER-TYPES WHO THINK THAT THEY'RE ME! I HAVE TO FIND HIM!

IF HE CONTAINS EVEN A FRACTION OF THE ENERGY THAT I DO, I OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO SEE--! YES!

NOW, WHERE THE DEVIL IS THAT THING?

FROM THE AMOUNT OF FORCE I EXERTED ON BIZARRO, HE SHOULD HAVE GONE INTO ORBIT SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE.

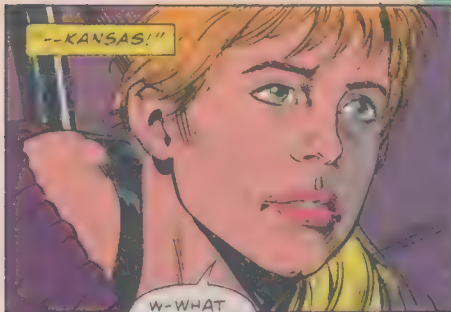
THERE'S HIS HEAT TRAIL--

--JUST AS PLAIN AS THE NOSE ON HIS FACE!

HE DIVED STRAIGHT DOWN TOWARD THE MIDDLE OF THE CONTINENT.

LOOKS ALMOST AS IF--!

OH, MY GOD! HE'S HEADED FOR--

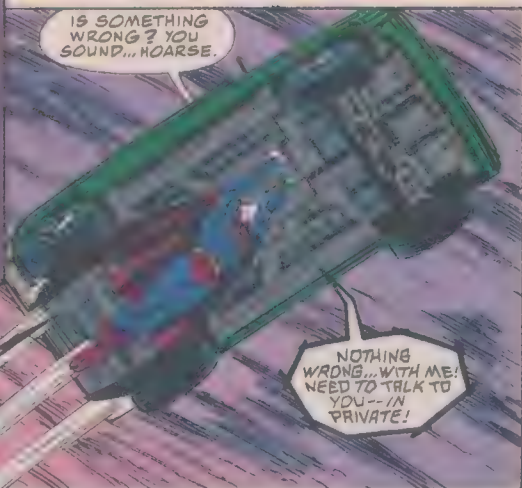


--KANSAS!--

W-WHAT IS GOING ON?!

S-SUPERMAN? ARE YOU DOWN THERE?

YES, LAH-NUH!



IS SOMETHING WRONG? YOU SOUND... HOARSE.

NOTHING WRONG... WITH ME! NEED TO TALK TO YOU... IN PRIVATE!



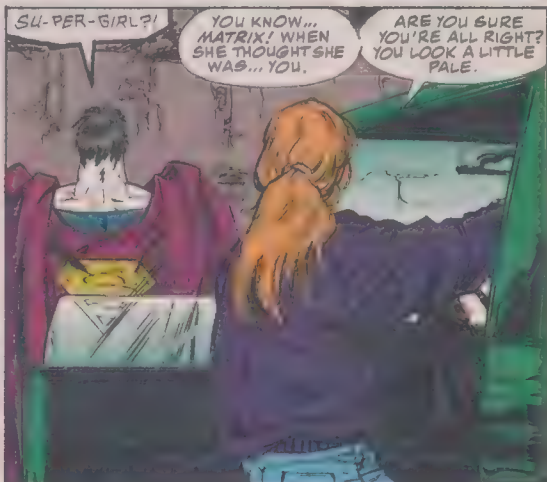
WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? I WAS JUST THINKING OF YOU!

YOU... THINKING... OF ME? THANK YOU.

NO ONE WILL BOTHER US HERE

THE OLD QUARRY? I SHOULD THINK NOT! NO ONE EVER COMES OUT THIS WAY ANYMORE.

I HAVEN'T BEEN OUT IN THIS NECK OF THE WOODS SINCE SUPER-GIRL BROUGHT YOUR PARENTS AND ME HERE!*



SU-PER-GIRL?!

YOU KNOW... MATRIX! WHEN SHE THOUGHT SHE WAS... YOU.

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT? YOU LOOK A LITTLE PALE.



FEEL FINE... ALWAYS FEEL FINE WITH YOU, LAH-NUH!

OH--!



LAH-NUH?

*IN ACTION #644. WE WERE HERE--WERE YOU?



GREEN LANTERN CORPS QUARTERLY

#8
ON SALE IN
JANUARY

ENDS
WITH A...



TROUBLE'S GOT TROUBLE!

EMERALD
FALL-OUT!

4-PART EPIC
LEADING TO
ONE
MAJOR
SHOWDOWN!

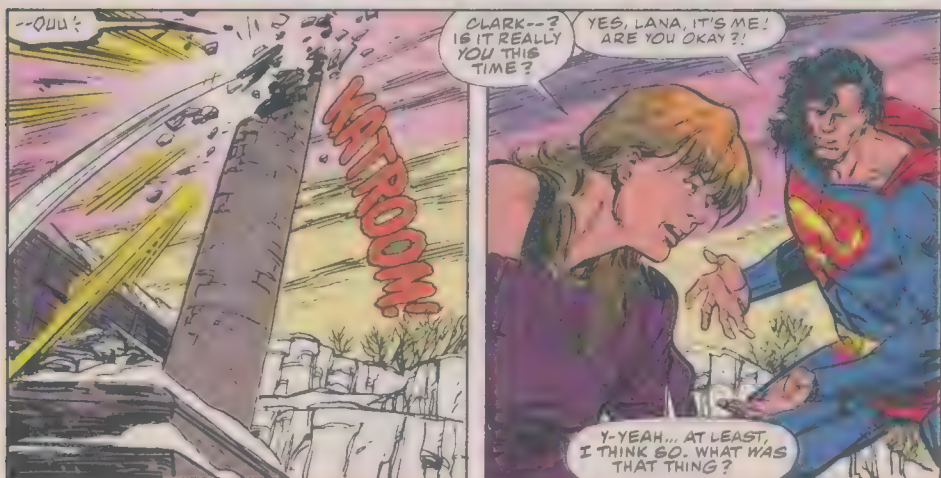
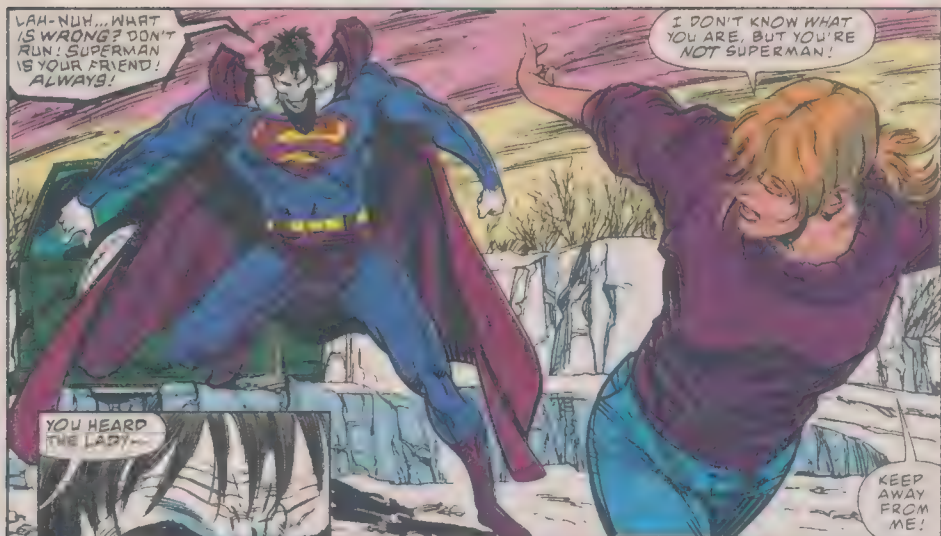


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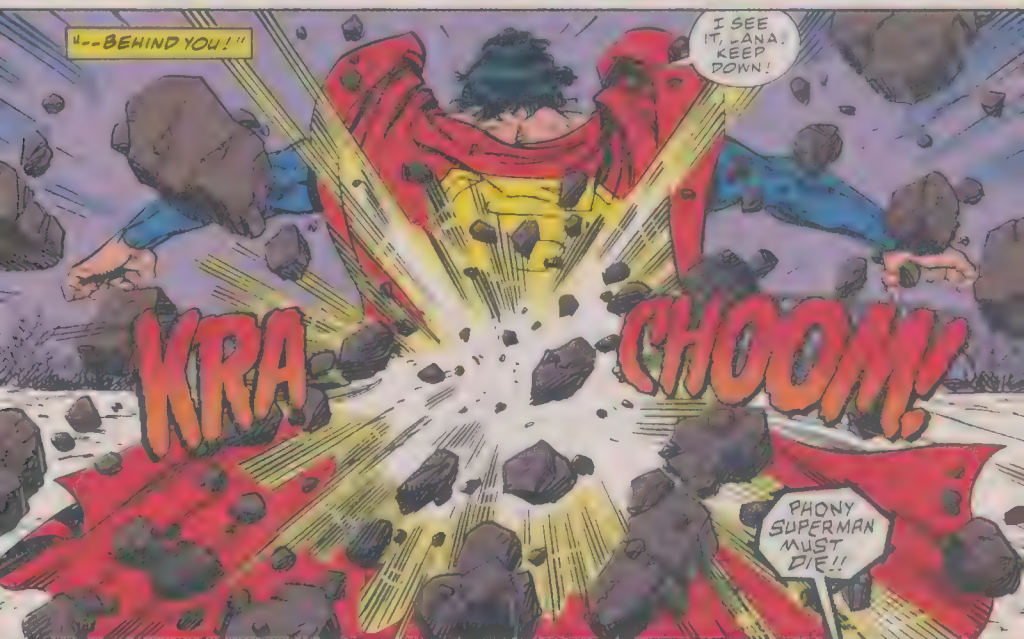




AND WHY DID IT BRING ME HERE?

B ZARRO THINKS HE'S ME. T'S AS IF HE HAS SOME WARPED VERSION OF MY MIND! HOW, I'M NOT CERTAIN, BUT--!

LOOK OUT--



U--BEHIND YOU!!

I SEE IT, LANA! KEEP DOWN!

KRA

CHOOON!!

PHONY SUPERMAN MUST DIE!!



TAKE COVER, LANA!

MY GOD, IT'S ALMOST LIKE A REPLAY OF HIS FIGHT WITH MATRIX--

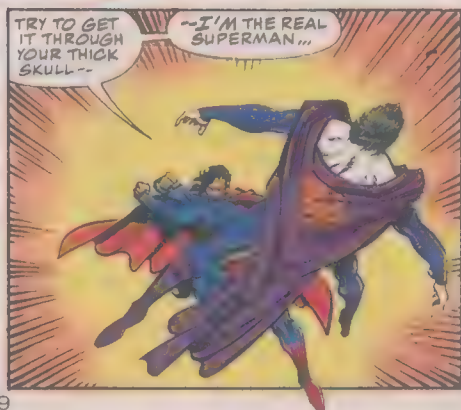
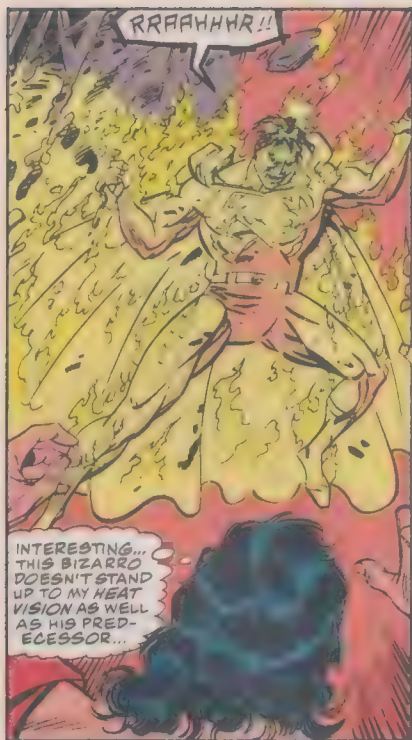


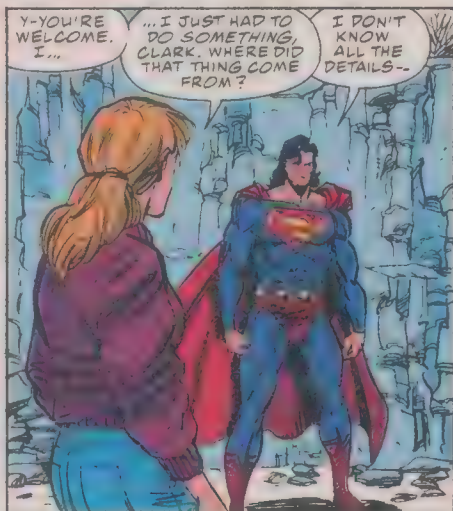
--EXCEPT THAT T'S B ZARRO SEEMS MORE BRUTAL!

DIE! DIE!!



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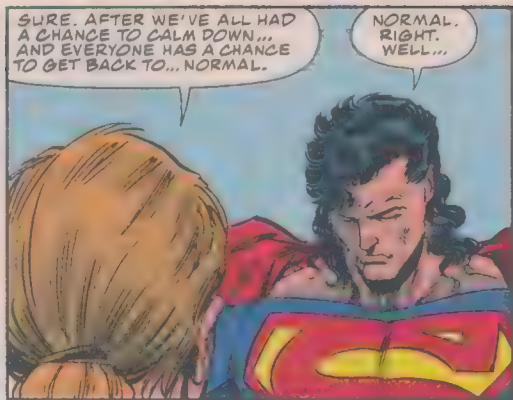
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**WAND
WIERINGO
MARZAN**

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MONTHLY CATCH UP IF YOU CAN!



"--I WANT TO MARRY YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

LANA ACTUALLY FLINCHED WHEN I TOUCHED HER. I DON'T KNOW WHY I SHOULD BE SURPRISED... WITH ALL THE HURT I'VE CAUSED HER OVER THE YEARS.

SHE CARRIED A TORCH FOR ME FOR SO LONG--AND I WAS TOO THICK TO REALIZE IT. AT TIMES LIKE THIS, IT SEEMS AS THOUGH OUR FRIENDSHIP HAS BROUGHT HER NOTHING BUT GRIEF.

AT LEAST I WAS ABLE TO STOP BIZARRO BEFORE HE DID HER ANY PHYSICAL HARM. WHY DID HE GO AFTER HER?

THE EQUIPMENT USED TO CREATE HIM... LUTHOR CLAIMED THAT IT UTILIZED SOME MANNER OF CELLULAR SCANNING... I WONDER--?

COULD IT SOMEHOW HAVE SCANNED MY BRAIN... AND GIVEN THE MONSTER VAGUE IMPRESSIONS OF MY OWN MEMORIES? THAT WOULD EXPLAIN ITS SEEKING OUT LOIS AND LANA.

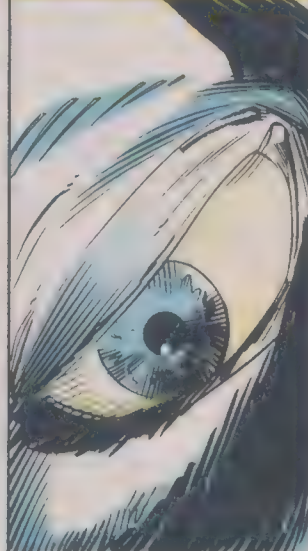
BUT THAT COULD ALSO MEAN THAT THE SECRET OF MY DOUBLE IDENTITY IS LOCKED UP IN THOSE SCANNING RECORDS!

IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT I ONCE SHARED MENTAL LINKS WITH SUPERGIRL AND THE ORIGINAL ERADICATOR--

"--I HATE THE IDEA OF JUST ANYONE HAVING ACCESS TO MY SECRETS."

"...EITHER THROUGH SOME ELECTRONIC RECORD--"

"--OR WHAT PASSED FOR THIS CREATURE'S BRAIN!"



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Dear Mike:

Re: ACTION COMICS #693

Since the "Reign of the Superman" has ended, Big Blue hasn't really gotten the chance to get busy considering all the loose ends floating around Metropolis. The fate of the Eradicator is indeed interesting, and "The Last Purge of Krypton" was a fantastic story.

Roger Stern came up with an intriguing way for the last remnant of Krypton to live on—sort of. His body is now controlled by the scientist who strived to save it (and who now seemingly has an agenda of his own!). I hope this new Eradicator remains a thorn in Superman's side. While he could logically have been the perfect companion to the Man of Steel, a villainous Eradicator isn't a bad idea. Roger's writing still has verve in it, and ACTION always remains on top. As for the Fortress of Solitude, here's hoping that Superman gets it fixed. I was just getting used to those cute little robots running around. Another interesting part was Roger's scene with the Superman cult. Usually writers forget these little things that make an issue worth reading. I can only wonder if some of the fanatics will take the brush-off easily, thinking that Superman is some kind of messiah. Only time will tell. Finally, when Roger returns, ACTION's focal point should again be with Lex Luthor and Supergirl. Roger handled those two characters better than anyone else (that's why I'm not angry he's taking a few months off) and things should really heat up when Superman learns Luthor's secret. Then we'll really get back the old days, when Superman had a clear archenemy who was devious and always awaiting the chance to spring a new scheme. Aah, the golden days of comics!

The artwork was, as always, splendid. While I'd like to see Ed Hannigan and Kerry Gammill eventually return to interior duties, their cover was excellent. And the regular job of Jackson Guice and Denis Rodier was stunning, so it's great news that they'll be doing double duty on the SUPERGIRL mini-series. Yet, whatever happened to the book featuring Metropolis SCU? It was scheduled for this year, but still no signs.

Anyway, thanks for your time and commitment to quality at Superman Central. Truly the most consistently enjoyable family of titles, you honestly show no signs of letting up in terms of action and suspense. See you in seven. Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird, it's a plane, it's Superman.

Back for good, this strange visitor from the planet Krypton...

Joey Marchese
Union, New Jersey

If you're a Gammill fan (and who isn't?), then we hope you caught last week's UNDER A YELLOW SUN: A NOVEL BY CLARK KENT. Despite the title, it's a comic book, featuring art by Kerry Gammill, Dennis Janke, and Eduardo Barreto and it's still on sale! Oh, and hey, it looks like 1994 is your year, Joey, cuz later this year METROPOLIS SCU hits the shops and stands. Hey—maybe you should send us a Baldy!

Dear ACTION Team:

Re: ACTION #693

Thanks—for nothing. "The Fate of the Eradicator"? More like "Final Farce," I'd say...Krypton's ultimate construct-turned-noblest warrior reduced to the conveyance for a troubled human soul—how convenient. Seems to me that Hank Henshaw was destroyed only weeks ago, and John Henry Irons is still alive, hopefully recovering at a rapid pace. Point? Reusing a plot device is fine, but one too many times in the space of a year indicates either: 1) a severe lack of original thought, or 2) a penchant for finding ways to preserve familiar characters for further use. Rather than resorting to the transmigration play, the Eradicator should have been honored with a fate worthy of his recent evolution, a cosmic destiny more in keeping with his awesome sacrifice to restore Kal-El and preserve the Kryptonian legacy. Instead... "Kryptonian No More"? Maybe. Fate worse than Death. No question about it. The Eradicator/Last Son of Krypton has been robbed of the glory he deserved, and I, dedicated Superfan and follower of the Eradicator, feel well and truly cheated. The way of the purist is gone, forever—again, thanks...

...of course, the idea of an Eradicator with a conscience is intriguing. And suppose Dr. Connor should discover his new, powerful body is more of a prison than a new lease on life? The thought has definite appeal! Maybe there is hope, after all! Long live the Eradicator! Long live Superman!

David Cisco
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Dear Super Team:

Well. More surprises in ACTION #693. So the Eradicator lives again. Or doesn't, depending on how you look at things. Will David Connor become a hunted vigilante? Will he learn to be a hero? What happened to the mentality of the Eradicator? Where did it go? Is it finished? Oh, you guys! You set up more questions than we get answers sometimes. Then you turn around and trick us again. I love it!

This story was interesting. Super-man showed a lot more emotion over the destruction of the fortress than I would have expected. I am glad that he still feels some regret over the loss of his planet of genesis, even though he himself has stated that he is an Earthman. It makes for some interesting thoughts about how he feels about all of the things that happen on Earth at times.

The art and the story both were just terrific. Superman died, came back to life and now is better than ever. I can't see how this can all get better from here on out, but I have the utmost faith in all of you to make it just that. Keep up the great work. As long as there are dreams and hopes and heroes, Superman can never die.

Carl Pietrantonio
Laredo, Texas

Dear Stern/Guice/Rodier:

A prophecy has failed!

I'd predicted that the Last Son of Krypton/Eradicator in retirement would play the part of super-computer in the Antarctic fortress. With no Eradicator and no fortress, that prediction has no chance of coming through, I guess.

After ACTION #693 and its next-issue boxes, I'm looking forward to some SUPERMAN stories that are a little less epic than the previous storylines. "Funeral for a Friend" was good, but "The Death of..." and then "Reign of the Superman" was a little too much of a good thing.

I like the concept (now 8 years old) of Superman not being all-knowing, every language-speaking, and performing super-ventriloquism every other issue, but I hate it when normal common sense totally leaves him like in #693. So he can't see through the lead canister—and dare not open it to check out the Kryptonite. That's understandable. Advice: Someone else could do it for him. For example, another hero who already has Kryptonite...

Søren Skov
Krusågade, Denmark

It's not really a matter of common sense, Søren. It's more a case of a very busy super-hero. Since his return to action (and ACTION), Supes has been thrown from one crisis to the next, and now he's facing his strangest emergency yet: himself—he's just TOO powerful. No time to check on Kryptonite!

Dear Actioners:

The Eradicator (henceforth "Rad" for short) is again on the loose! Supposedly, the mind of Dr. David Connor has been inexplicably transferred into the seemingly brain-dead body of the previous Eradicator. Then again, given his recent history, Rad may once again be a self-deceived fraud using yet another stolen identity. Personally, I vote for the latter explanation: Rad had no time to confront the fact that he was not Superman because defeating the Cyborg took precedence over all else. Rad needs to struggle with establishing an identity of his own, rather than simply assuming that of someone else. His budding humanity was cut short by his seeming death; this plot concept ought to be revived, with Rad facing the ultimate identity crisis.

A few unanswered questions about Rad: (1) Why does he no longer need a visor? (2) How will he absorb energy without the regeneration matrix? (3) Just what are the powers and limitations of Rad? (4) Does Rad's brain contain buried memories and data from his previous incarnations that are waiting to be unexpectedly accessed?

It appears that a new Superman "Family" is a-borning, consisting of Supergirl, Superboy, Steel, and Rad as the obligatory family renegade. Each seems a likely candidate to soon star in a miniseries and perhaps graduate to an ongoing monthly. Rad has good potential and I hope it will not be wasted by turning him into just another obsessed vigilante.

Jay Peterson
Santa Ana, California

You pose some very interesting questions, Jay, and we'd love to answer them item by item, but the fact is these are mysteries yet unsolved! The nature of the being born out of the explosion at S.T.A.R. Labs is yet unknown. All Superman and the rest of the world know is that Dr. David Connor and the Eradicator are changed forever—and the result is the tough customer you saw in ACTION #693, OUTSIDERS #3 and #4, and HAWKMAN #6.

Just what the Eradicator is now will unfold with the passage of time, but until it has, your second guess (that the Eradicator is again using a stolen identity) is by far the most original seen in our letter pile. So get ready for a Baldy, on one condition: Don't call him Rad. It sounds like a skateboarding superdude name. Say, maybe the Eradicator could start riding a... Nah!

Of course, not everyone was pleased with the fate of the Eradicator...

Dear DC:

I didn't like ACTION #693.

I really used to enjoy those robots. They were unique. I'm sorry to see them and the fortress gone.

I know the Eradicator was very influential in bringing Superman back. I just wish characters would be allowed to die.

Better luck next time. I got a good chuckle out of Lois and her pop gun.

Allen Klingelhoets
Barron, Wisconsin

Dear Mike and Frank:

While ACTION COMICS #693 was a well written comic I must say that I disagree with the idea of the Eradicator fighting crime. He was, and still is, one of only a handful of villains who could challenge Superman physically, and he will be missed.

Don Cromie
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Action Crew:

I was willing to buy the whole bit about the Eradicator, an energy being, converting mass to vital body organs, like a "brain" and a "heart," so that the doctors would think him to be a "humanoid." This idea didn't exactly work, but I think most of your readers swallowed it without too much of a fuss.

However, I can't believe what you folks have done to the Eradicator. Why did you think allowing Doctor David Connor to possess the body would be a good idea? Where could you go with that kind of plot twist? It would have been so much more interesting to leave the Eradicator's personality intact. He could have been a constant foil for Superman. (You know, like Venom is to Spider-Man and like Lobo is to Guy Gardner.) You could have developed the Eradicator's character so that we could watch this artificial Kryptonian intelligence develop a human heart over time. But now, all of that is lost because of a mediocre and contrived plot twist.

I hope you all find a way to have the true Eradicator reclaim his body, because what was done to him in ACTION #693 was very disappointing, to say the least.

Richard Yanes
Miami, Florida

But then again, what we meant was...

Dear Action-eers:

Re: ACTION #693

Having David Connor live on as the Eradicator (a successful, yet obvious plot I correctly guessed earlier on in the story) was an ingenious maneuver in order to prevent yet another death. Each time the Eradicator seemingly perished, it returned not only with a different outer appearance, but with a different motive as well. First, as the Kryptonian construct responsible for influencing Clark Kent; then to

return as the humanoid Krypton Man finishing what Clark failed to do; finally as the Last Son of Krypton, whose drastic procedures were slightly more aligned with that of Superman's. This latest incarnation—a Kryptonian shell animated by a driven human soul—is yet the next evolution in the cycle. While it is noteworthy to state that this current Eradicator is still hell-bent on vigilantism (hmm, perhaps picking up where Jose left off?), only time will reveal his agenda.

Kudos once more are extended to Jackson and Denis for their visually stunning facial expressions. Whether it be blank stares, grimacing visages, or lovely smiles, these gentlemen have talent. And their aerial perspectives—wow! Truly, it makes one believe that a man can fly.

Joe Kucharsky
Haddon Heights, New Jersey

We couldn't have said it better ourselves, Joe. Thanks for a nice thematic outline of the Eradicator's "career." Until next week.

Chris Duffy
Ex-English major
with a heart of gold

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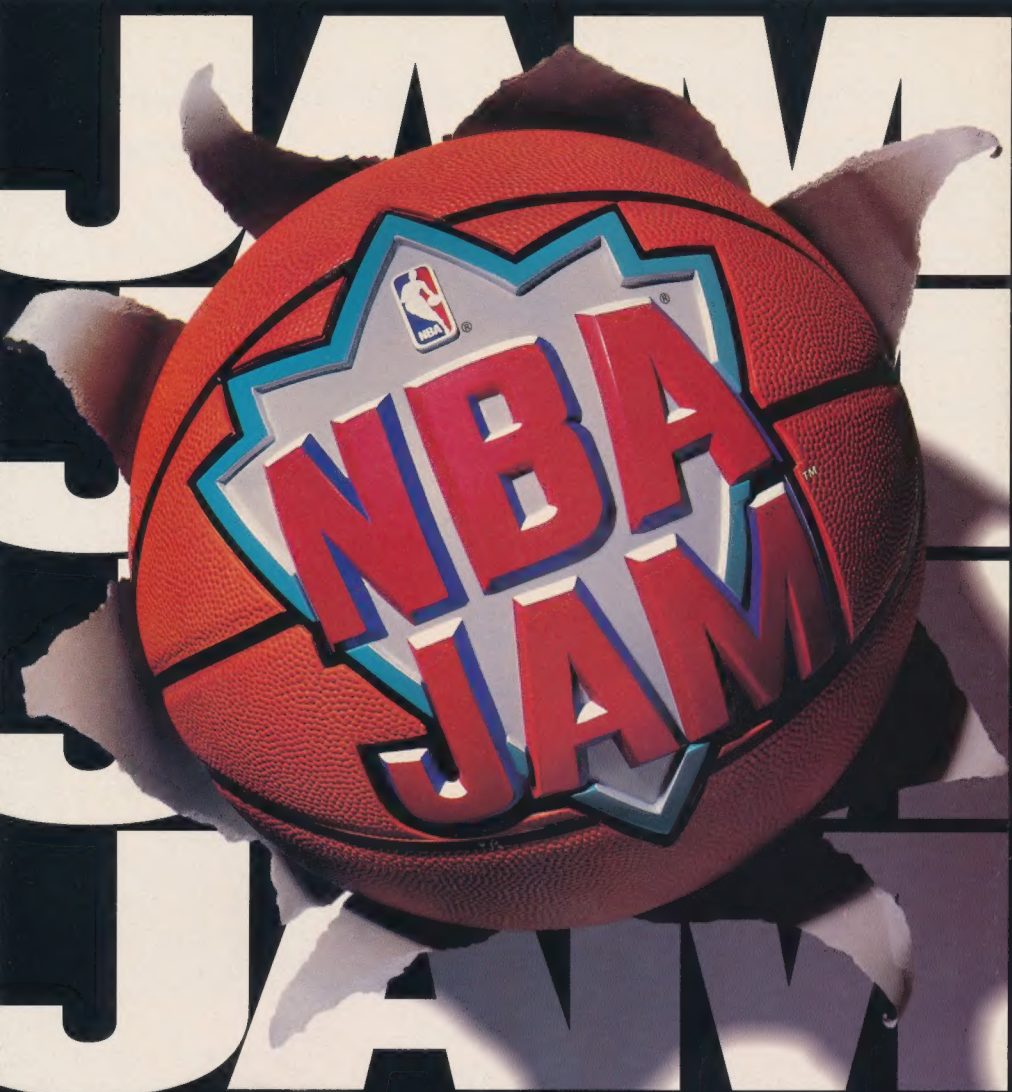
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